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December 19, 2005

Dear Wooddale Resident and/or Interested Party:

As you may be aware, a public workshop was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at the Delaware National Country Club to discuss the Department's current proposal to rebuild the Wooddale Covered Bridge (Bridge 1-137) and associated roadway improvements that are to include the construction of a retaining wall along Rolling Mill Road. At that meeting, we mentioned that we would keep you updated periodically throughout the design process, and this letter serves as the first of several updates that you will receive.

First, we would like to thank you for attending the workshop. We at the Department really appreciate your input in the development of this project. It is very important to us that we provide a final result that you are comfortable with.

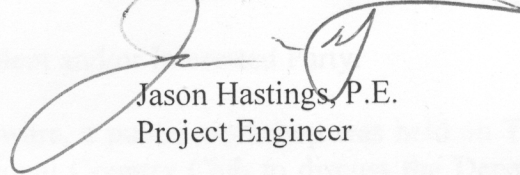
Secondly, we would like to mention that we have created a website for the project, as requested by several workshop attendees. The website can be reached at the following address: http://www.deldot.gov/static/projects/wooddale_bridge/index.shtml. There you will find a summary of the workshop, as well as copies of the displays and handouts from the workshop. As we advance through the design phase, we will periodically post updates on the website for your information.

Finally, we understand that you are very anxious, as is the Department, to see this project become a reality. We would like to reiterate that we are working hard toward completing the design phase by the target date of November 2006 that we mentioned at the workshop. This target date will allow us to meet all of the requirements that we must meet in order to advertise the project once funding becomes available. We appreciate your continued patience throughout this process.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (302) 760-2310.
Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

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